

I am a Southwestern Bell DSL customer at home and I object to their being exempt from competition. I have had the service over two years and find them to be less than "customer service oriented." They sold me the service, they bill me for the service, yet I have to go to a contractor to deal with ANY issues (even billing). They will not help at all. My service is not optimal as they guaranteed when I purchased the service. I can't wait to get another ISP in October when I move and don't have to deal with SBC again.

Do not let the Bell "Wolves" own the chicken coop you already allow them to dominate. Competition requires competitors to be alive. If the FCC lifts the dominant classification from the Local Exchange Carriers (Bells), it will limit competition to a duopoly consisting of a bell and a cable company. Competition in the American Telecom marketplace will not be incentivized, it will be torpedoed. ISPs and CLECs will die, consumers will be deprived of choice and the FCC will be wholly to blame for the travesty. DO NOT DO IT. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.